as a rule to alleviate the capital related problems of small scale industry;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined these suggestion; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) yes, sir.

(b) and (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that no sub-target has been prescribed for financing SSI Units within the priority sector lending targets. According to RBI, the public sector banks advances to SSI Units have shown steady increase in absolute terms and that even without any target, out of 40% of target for priority sectors, agriculture and SSI together account for 34 percentage points, thus leaving only 6% for the rest of other important segments of priority sectors such small business, retail trade, housing, education and self-employed person etc. Fixing sub target may result in crowding out in other priority sectors, RBI has, therefore, decided not to fix any sub-target for SSI within the priority sector lending. Banks are however being advised by RBI to fix a target for the year on year growth in SSI.

As regards computation of working capital limits for SSI, Banks are reportedly computing the same on the basis of minimum 20% of the annual projected turn over upto a borrowal limit of Rs. 5 crore as per Nayak Committee recommendations.RBI's Study of specialized SSI and General Branches revealed that working capital was computed on the basis of the norms in 93% of the proposals received in specialized SSI Branches and about 79 percent of proposals received in general branches.

External dues

4328. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's external dues crossed US dollars 100 billions in the month of March, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of the short-term and long-term loan out of the 100 billion; and

(c) the details of institutions/countries from which Government have taken loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Latest available figures indicate that India's

external debt outstanding (for both Government and private sector) as at the end of September, 2001 (Provisional) stood at $ 100.38 billion.

Date on overall external debt of India as on 31.03.02 are not yet available. However, India's external debt from Multilateral/Bilateral sources only on Government account as on 31.03.2002 was US $ 40.58 billion.

(b) Overall, the external debt at $ 100.38 billion as on 30.09.01 comprised of $ 97.58 billion long-term and $ 2.80 billion short-term debt, whereas the external debt on Government account as on 31.03.2002 as indicated under (a) above are all long term loans.

(c) Donor-wise details of external debt on Government account as on 31.03.02 given in the Statement.

Statement

External debt on Government Account

	Outstanding as on 31st March, 2002 (US $ Million)
Asian Development Bank	4346.1
E.E.C. (SAC)	36.7
Austria	25.7
Australia	80.1
Belgium	31.6
Canada	282.3
Rep. Of Czech & Slovak	2.6
Germany	2625.9
Denmark	74.4
Spain	30.0
France	691.2
Italy	107.0
Japan	8314.6
Kuwait Fund for Arab Arab Eco. Dev.	36.4
Netherlands	398.5
Norway	0.3
Russian Federation	370.2
Saudi Arabia	8.4
Switzerland	9.2

	Outstanding as on 31st March, 2002 (US $ Million)
Sweden	128.3
United States of America	1160.5
IBRD	7499.9
IDA	19240.8
IFAD	218.3
OPEC	16.9
TOTAL:	45664.0

Eleventh Finance Commission grant for Gujarat

4329. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to release the first instalment of the Eleventh Finance Commission Grant in view of the fact that Gujarat Government has already held Panchayat elections in December, 2001; and

(b) if so, the amount proposed to be released and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) As per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance for utilisation of local bodies grants, such grants shall be released to States that have completed the due election process in respect of local bodies. Further, in case of delay in holding local bodies elections, funds will be deducted proportionately. Since the elections to Panchayats in Gujarat had been held only in December, 2001, the State Government is not eligible for grants for Panchayati Raj Institutions for the year 2000-01.

Income Tax Raids

4330. SHRI CHO. S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of income tax raids conducted in the country during the last financial year, State-wise and City-wise;

(b) the total amount collected including the penal charges from the raided parties;

(c) the action taken against these people; and